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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/8/2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 17-21, 28-33, and 44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1-20,22,27-32,43,45-57,63-65,70-73,77-80,83,84,88,89,94,95,97 and 98.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims withdrawn from consideration are Claims 14-15, 45-57, 63-65, 70-73, 76-80, 83-84, 88-89, 94-95, and 97-98 .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office is responsive to Applicant's amendment and response filed 8-8-08. Claims 1-20, 22, 27-32, 43, 45-57, 63-65, 70-73, 77-80, 83-84, 88-89, 94-95 and 97-98 are pending and have been amended. Claims 14-15, 45-57, 63-65, 70-73, 76-80, 83-84, 88-89, 94-95, and 97-98 are withdrawn. Claims 21, 23-26, 33-42, 44, 58-62, 66-69, 74-75, 81-82, 90-93, and 96 have been cancelled.

Objections/Rejections Withdrawn

2. In view of the Applicant's amendment and remark following objections are withdrawn.
- a) Objection to the all independent and dependent claims are withdrawn in light of applicant's amendment to the specification.
 - b) Rejection of claims 1-13, 17-21, 28-33, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn in light of applicant's arguments.

New Ground of Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 1 independent claim and all dependent claims 2-13, 17-21, 28-33, and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The claimed invention is drawn to a product of nature. Products of nature are not patentable because they do not reflect the "hand of man" in the production of the product or manufacturing process. Diamond v. Chakrabarty, 206 USPQ 193 (1980).

Additionally, purity of naturally occurring product does not necessarily impart patentability. Ex parte Siddiqui 156 USPQ 426 (1966). However when purity results in new utility, patentability is considered. Merck co. V. Chase Chemical Co. 273 F. Supp 68 (1967). See also American Wood v. Fiber Disintegrating Co., 90 US 566 (1974); American Fruit Growers v. Brogdex Co. 283 US 1 (1931); Funk Brothers Seed Co. V. Kalo Innoculant Co. 33 US 127 (1948). In the instant case recitation of a nucleic acid molecule does not indicate the hand of man because nucleic acid molecules are naturally occurring, therefore the claimed immunostimulatory nucleic acid molecule composition is deemed a product of nature.

Status of the Claims

No claims allowed.

Claims 1-13, 17-21, 28-33, and 44 are rejected.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nina A. Archie whose telephone number is 571-272-9938. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, Robert Mondesi can be reached on 571-272-0956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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